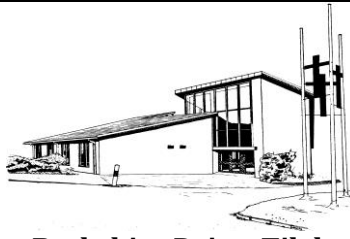


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C) – 24TH MARCH 2019



**** REMINDER: BRITISH SUMMER TIME BEGINS – CLOCKS GO FORWARD NEXT WEEKEND! ****

PARISH LENTEN APPEAL

As I announced previously, our Lenten Appeal is in support of the Divine Mercy Centre in Bamenda. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. If you are a Gift Aider, please write your Gift Aid number on the envelope, and place it into any collection plate over the coming Lenten weekends. *Thank you.*

PARISH/SVP EASTER LUNCH

The Senior Citizens' Easter Lunch this year will take place on Saturday, 27th April. Would you please place your name on the list at the back of the church. Let us know if you have a specific dietary requirement and also if you require transport. The event will start at 1 pm and finish approximately 4.30 pm. Pick-up time for those requiring transport will be approximately 12.30 pm.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

On Thursday, 28th March at 1.30 pm, a special Mass will be celebrated for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. This will be followed by refreshments in the small hall. If you require transport, please contact an SVP member or call *Jack* on 0773 449 9190.

VISITS TO THE HOUSEBOUND

Fr Peter will make visits to the housebound, those who are unable to come to Mass, for the Sacrament of the Sick, Confession and Holy Communion on Friday, 29th March from 9 am onwards. Please telephone the Parish Office and leave your details with *Sheila*.

PASSOVER SUPPER: SATURDAY, 13TH APRIL: 7 PM

Tickets will be on sale after both Masses throughout Lent for a Passover supper. We follow a popular script for a Passover celebration, including some singing/music. Ticket prices are: Adults £6, Children £3, Family £15 (2 adults + children). This will include a meal and drink. Please bring your own plate, cutlery and glass and a bag to take your dirty plates home afterwards. The main meal will be savoury lamb mince but a vegetarian alternative can be reserved in advance. We need a few volunteers to cook a pot of food and we would also like to hear from any musicians who would like to accompany us. Please contact *Stephen Newbury, Wendy Earley, Ann Epps, Sue Collier or Carmen Ybanez-Mate.*

Fr Peter.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 24TH MARCH – SUNDAY, 31ST MARCH 2019

Sunday, 24 th March <i>Exposition after both Masses</i>	8.30 am	Teresa Syron RIP
	10.30 am	People of the parish
Monday, 25 th March <i>ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, Solemnity</i>	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 26 th March	11.30 am	Stations of the Cross
	12 noon	People of the Parish
Wednesday, 27 th March	6.30 am	Private intention
	12 noon	Jeanne Marie Louise Dormer RIP
Thursday, 28 th March	9.30 am	Steven McCreight RIP
	1.30 pm	Healing Mass (with anointing of the sick)
Friday, 29 th March	6 pm	Syro Malabar Stations of the Cross
	7 pm	Sarah Clarke RIP
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 30 th March	10 am	Michael & Joy O'Connell's Intentions
Sunday, 31 st March	8.30 am	Dennis Kearns RIP
	10.30 am	Susan Stankard RIP

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass

ROSARY & CONFESSIONS Saturday: Following 10 am Mass

**Responsorial Psalm:
"The Lord is compassions and love."**

COLLECTION FOR 17TH MARCH 2019

Gift Aid (Envelopes)	£204.00
Planned Giving (Envelopes)	£60.50
Loose Plate	£341.12
Gift Aid (via bank)	£856.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£62.00
Apostleship of the Sea	£10.00
Clergy Assistance Fund	£10.00
Clergy Training Fund	£20.00
Easter Offering	£20.00
Lent Fast Day (CAFOD)	£631.24
Holy Places	£10.00
TF3 (CAFOD)	£5.00
Candles	£58.20
Peter's Pence	£10.00
Lenten Alms/Appeal	£507.60
Mass Stole Fees	£50.00
TOTAL	£2,855.66
RUNNING TOTALS	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£5.00
TF4 (Parish Events)	£151.69
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,497.51
First Holy Communion Subs	£825.00
Lenten Alms/Appeal	£586.09
Lent Fast Day (CAFOD)	£631.24

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Richard O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary Hoban, Rita Boyce, Alayna Fernandes, Wendy Kelly, Mary O'Shea, Jean Trott, Stefen Griffiths, Tessie Joyce, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Michael O'Connell, Carmela Garzia & Theresa Kerrigan. **If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact Sheila in the Parish Office.**



Please note that there is now a designated wheelchair area situated beside the choir.



UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 26th March, when we will attend the parish Stations of the Cross at 11.30 am, followed by a meeting in the small hall.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday Prayer Group will meet again on 27th March at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. *All are welcome.*

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 31ST MARCH

- **Second Collection - Clergy Assistance Fund**
This collection raises funds for housing and residential care costs for sick and retired priests.
- Counters: John Macbeth & Rosalind Gilbert.
- **Mass readers**:**
8.30 am
1st Reading – C Ogbuagu.
2nd Reading – J Horton.
10.30 am
1st Reading – M Keep.
2nd Reading – A Goncalves.
- **Eucharistic Ministers**:**
8.30 am
T Parnell, D Cathrew & J Scarpa.
10.30 am
D Fernandes, M Nevin & C Parkes.
- **Eucharistic Minister - Oakwood Ward:**
H McSoley. If you do swap with another Eucharistic Minister, please remember to notify the Parish Office, so that we can publicise the correct information in the newsletter. *Thank you.*

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers: Please try to arrive at least 10 minutes before the beginning of Mass, and make yourself known to the welcomers, if it is your turn on the rota. PLEASE READ YOUR ROTA AND NOTE YOUR OWN DATES. *Thank you.*

2019 DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS are now available from the Repository £4 each.

TEA & COFFEE

Please join us for tea & coffee which is served in the large hall after 10.30 am Mass on Sundays. *All are most welcome.*

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission, all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to have Holy Communion or see a priest. All arrangements in RBH are 'patient led'. Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplain: *Fr JP Lyttle. Mobile: 0739 189 6559. RBH: 0118 322 7105.* Sunday Mass 4 pm. Patients, staff & visitors welcome.

VOCATIONS

"I AM sent me to you." Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? To explore further, contact *Fr John Cooke - vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk* or call *01329 318 869.*

VOCATION SEEKER EVENING

At the Sacred Heart Church, Fareham, 41 - 43 Portland Street, PO16 0NF. (Easy access via road, train & bus). Our Diocesan Vocation Seeker Group meets monthly, on the First Friday, for food, prayer, reflection & friendship. For info/invite contact: *Fr. John Cooke - vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*

PRAYER REQUESTS

There is a Prayer Request box in the church porch into which you are invited to place any intentions that you may have. Each week during one of the Masses, Fr Peter will pray especially for those intentions. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT ANY MONEY IN THE BOX.**

DIVINE MERCY CENTRE, BAMENDA

Fr Peter and the Parishioners of St Joseph's:

On behalf of the Bamenda Commission, I would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your gift of £700, which I will ensure is forwarded as requested. This is a truly wonderful gift, which will be used in support of the Sisters in Bamenda.

Please be assured of our Prayers for the Parish Community and for all the work that you continue to do. *Many thanks, Gerard Dailly.*

(This money was collected from tea/coffee donations, etc., over the last 18 months or so, and we have been saving it until we had a reasonable sum to send. It's separate from the current Lenten Appeal, even though it's all going to the same cause). Ann Epps.

*****LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE*****

ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Thursday, 25th July - Tuesday, 30th July. Departing from Heathrow Airport. Half board accommodation in three-star hotel close to the sanctuary. Cost approximately £460 (max). We have now confirmed most of our arrangements and will be travelling to Lourdes at the same time as The Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage. Booking forms are available from *English Martyrs Parish Office - Telephone No. 0118 957 2149.* Max 30 persons.

LAITY LED STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Stations of the Cross before Tuesday's mid-day Mass have proved very popular in the past, especially with those who find 7 pm on Friday an inconvenient time. *All are welcome.*

HANDMADE CARD SALE

A huge thank you for all those who supported the recent handmade card sale. The amount raised of £120 will be split between CAFOD Lent Fast Day and the Divine Mercy Centre, Bamenda. *Thank you - Jenny Gouk.*

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES APRIL 2019

Date	Time	Venue
Monday, 8 th	7.30 pm	St John Bosco
Tuesday, 9 th	7.30 pm	St Joseph's
Wednesday, 10 th	7.30 pm	Christ the King
Thursday, 11 th	7.30 pm	St Anne's
Friday, 12 th	7.30 pm	Our Lady of Peace
Saturday, 13 th	11 am	English Martyrs
Monday, 15 th	7.30 pm	St James

HEALING SEMINARS

FR NICHOLAS BROADBRIDGE OSB of Douai Abbey has run healing seminars for the past 30 years. He will do a series of four seminars here at St Joseph's on the following Saturdays in the large hall, from 10 am - 5 pm.

Seminar 1	Healing of Memories	February 16 th
Seminar 2	Deliverance	March 9 th
Seminar 3	Gift & Gifts of the Spirit	March 30 th
Seminar 4	Healing Families	April 6 th

Anyone wishing to attend a seminar must send Fr Nicholas an email that they wish to attend, as he sends out notes to read and "homework" to prepare before attendance. Please contact Fr Nicholas:

nicholas@douaiabbey.org.uk. Please bring a bible and food for sharing at lunch. An offering of £15 is acceptable. Many people report a tangible experience of God's peace from attending the day, and healing can occur in many ways. Some people repeat the seminars and find they learn more each time.

APF

The APF Spring magazines are now available for collection at the back of the church. You may take one even if you are not a box-holder. Many priests in Africa and Asia depend entirely on Mass stipends for their income. Please help them by sending your Mass intentions to Missio, 23 Eccleston Square, London, SW1V 1NU, or, if you wish to pay by card call *020 7821 9755,* during office hours. The recommended offering is £10 or more per Mass and cheques should be made payable to: Missio Mass a/c. Request a receipt if you want one. If you would like to receive a Mass card, please telephone the above number. *Mike Tomas - APF Secretary 0770 803 2743.*

CAMINO WALKING PILGRIMAGE

Thursday, 19th - Friday, 27th September 2019. Camino del Norte Stage 1: Ballota to Vilalba: 92 miles, note: we do not finish in Santiago (Stage 2 will be offered in 2020: Vilalba to Santiago). Flights and coach £270. Hostel or hotel extra. Must be reasonably fit & prepare by walking regularly before the Camino. Info and booking form from the parish office. *Closing date: 31st March - don't delay.*

PRAYER GROUP LENT 2019

Journey through the Lord's Prayer - Six interactive sessions at St Catherine's Church, Tilehurst on Thursdays (2.45 for 3 pm) from 7th March; repeated on Sundays (6.45 for 7 pm). Each session lasts for one hour. *Open to everyone.*